

**Park and Recreation Advisory Board**  
**Monthly Meeting Minutes – May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**Approved**

Present: Lester Whitmer, Ken Blue, Marc Seigal, Jeff Keenan, Michael Lee and Betty Sonneveldt

Staff: Julie McHale

YAC members: Jeremy Tuthill and Fahmi Abadir

Council: Council Member Leta Mach was unable to attend

Excused: Lola Skolnik, Kelly Ivy

- The meeting was called to order at 7:35
- Motion to approve April 15, 2015 Minutes made by Jeff Keenan, motion seconded by Betty Sonneveldt ; Minutes approved 6-0
- Recreation Department Updates given by Julie McHale
  - ✓ The outdoor pool will open on Saturday, May 23, 2015.
  - ✓ May 29<sup>th</sup> to May 30<sup>th</sup> is Grad Night celebration.
  - ✓ May 29<sup>th</sup> is also the grand opening of the Greenbelt Theater
  - ✓ Four Moonlit Movies will occur throughout Greenbelt (posted online)
  - ✓ Bike to Work held Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup> was a huge success – Mayor and two council members in attendance
  - ✓ Due to extension of Prince George's school calendar, Recreation has made some special accommodation's for the first week of camp
  - ✓ Dates were given for the approximate closing/renovations of the GAFC roof
- Discussion was held about two new groups requesting Recognition Group status for FY2016
- Julie gave general overview of – **Capital-Beltway Postcard Club** to include that all of their current members were non-residents
  - ✓ Marc stated he wasn't sure what their mission was
  - ✓ Several members wondered why they were moving from ERHS meeting place where they had been meeting for years
  - ✓ Betty noted they had been together since 1976
  - ✓ Overall PRAB recognized they did not meet the criteria
  - ✓ PRAB voted 5-1 'no' and not to recommend this group to Council for Recognition Group status
  - ✓ The one member, Ken Blue, who did not vote 'no' suggested that they may not have understood the requirements and he would be willing to give them the opportunity to come to PRAB to ask questions
- Julie gave the general overview of the **Greenbelt Biota**

- ✓ Betty asked if this was a splinter group of the Forest Preserve and , if approved, would new group be a conflict
- ✓ Marc asked what the difference was between the two groups
- ✓ Marc thought that this group should be referred to the Forest Preserve for approval – not PRAB
- ✓ Julie stated that historically, it is only PRAB and the Arts Advisory Board (AAB) who review the Recognition and Contribution group applications
- ✓ Ken wasn't sure what they were asking for that wasn't already being met by the Forest Preserve group
- ✓ Members felt that this application should go to the liaison for Forest Preserve and that they should be ones to make the recommendation to Council
- ✓ Members voted 6-0 to not recommend this group to City Council for Recognition group status
- Lola attended a meeting with Public Works Director and Superintendent of Parks and submitted a report (see attached)
  - ✓ Question was asked as to where the Public Works Outline for Buddy Attick Park (BAP) was – PRAB was promised it by this meeting
  - ✓ Question was asked as to where the survey for BAP was that was promised to PRAB by this meeting
  - ✓ Comments were made by PRAB members that we have still not gotten the Sustainable Land Policy
  - ✓ Julie stated that it has to go through the City Manager and that it has not gone to the City Manager yet. It is still at Public Works.
- Next Steps
  - ✓ Obtain the above mentioned reports
  - ✓ Submit PRAB's report card on the Buddy Attick Park to Public Works
  - ✓ The PRAB sub-committee will meet with Richard and walk the lake – with Jim Sterling present.
  - ✓ PRAB is also requesting a copy of the plan for the dam repair; Julie will get this from Celia Craze
- Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm

*These minutes were motioned to be approved by Jeff Keenan and seconded by Betty Sonneveldt; approved 6-0*

*Respectfully submitted by Julie McHale on June 18, 2015*